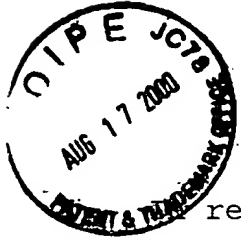


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed
to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of
the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanations of relevance for the non-
English documents are provided in the Background of the Invention
section of the specification.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
08/995,895	December 22, 1997	2215
09/010,618	January 22, 1998	2851
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09/534,446	March 24, 2000	Unassigned
09/511,246	February 23, 2000	2775
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

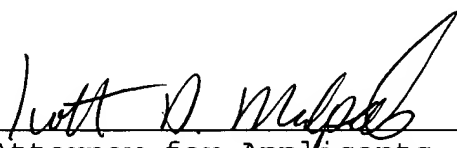
As will be appreciated, U.S. Patents No. 5,682,085 and No. 5,569,974 correspond to Japanese Patent Applications No. 4-28137 and No. 3-55738, respectively, and are being provided for the Examiner's convenience.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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